

The American Legion



Veteran Affairs &
Rehabilitation



National Security



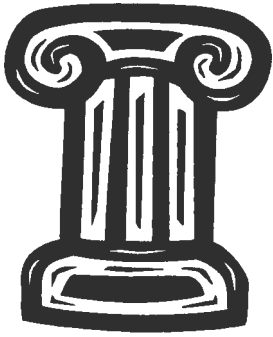
Americanism



Children & Youth

In 1919 The American Legion based their mission and purpose on “The 4 Pillars”

- The Department of Michigan was chartered on August 1st, 1920
- Membership in 2012 was 86,000 +
- Membership in the AL Auxiliary Department of Michigan over 29,000 members
- Membership in the Sons of the American Legion is over 20,000 members
- 438 Posts
- Approximately 230 of them have buildings/lounges
- 5 zones
- 16 Districts



National Security

- **National Legislation**
 - Support bills and policy that support a strong National Defense
 - Support and advocate for improvements to our Department of Veterans Administration
 - Support bills and policies that support a strong sense of Americanism
- **State Legislation**
 - Support of the 2 State Veteran Homes
 - Support the Veteran Service Grants
 - Support the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund
 - Support bills and policies that align with our 4 pillars
- **Blood Donor Program**
- **Disaster Preparedness - for members and the community at large**
- **Support our Military families and Veterans through our Reconnect Program**



The Elmobility trailer brings toys and videos for the children of our service members attending Yellow Ribbon and Family oriented Michigan National Guard Events for children to play



Reconnect



In Partnership with the Millman NRG Foundation we are supporting efforts to show veterans how to enjoy the outdoors even when they have a disability.



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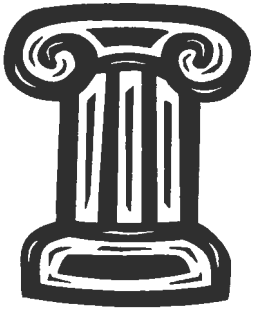
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Thank You For Your Donation!

Our Partnership with ACO Hardware has raised over 65,000 dollars for our Michigan Wounded Warrior and Returning Solider fund.



Wilwin Lodge in Trout Lake Michigan in the Upper Peninsula is 600 acres of land used to send Counseling groups and service members the opportunity to reconnect with their family.



Americanism

In Michigan

- Boys State - held at Northwood University
 - 269 Young men participated in 2012
- Student Trooper - 1 week at the MI State Police Academy - 50 Students
- Oratorical Contest - This weekend at the Gerald R Ford Library in Grand Rapids for the State Finals - Winner goes to Indianapolis to compete for \$18,000 in Scholarship money
- Boys Scouts - Our Posts support over 70 Scouting units with over 1100 scouts participating
- Wilson and Brewer Scholarships
- US Flag Etiquette teaching in schools
- Get out the vote events
- Junior Shooting Club

**Over \$40,000 in Scholarships
are available each year**



Children & Youth

In Michigan we offer a Temporary Financial Assistance to veterans

The American Legion has a Financial Assistance program as well



A Program of The American Legion

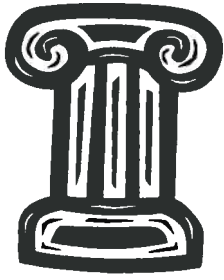
Founded in Garden City, Michigan

Members must belong to a Legion Family organization

They organize rides to raise money

“The Annual Legacy Run” has run through Michigan the past 2 years and Michigan has contributed over \$100,000 to the Legacy Scholarship fund during those 2 rides

The Legacy Scholarship supports the children of Service members who have died since 9/11/01



Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

- Includes the work of the Veteran Service Officers both in the Detroit Regional Office and on the road
- Veteran Affairs Volunteer Services representatives bringing 10's of thousands of volunteer hours of help and support to the veterans in the VA Hospital system and the State Veteran Homes
- In Michigan we have hosted 28 Job fairs through out the State in 2012
- Recognizing the work of Employers throughout the state and their support of Veterans
- Supporting Homeless Veteran Stand downs that bring services to those veterans needing a hand up not a hand out.
- Local Posts have provided 5500 funeral honors in 2012

Find a Veteran Service Officer Near you

www.mivabenefits.org

A collaboration of the Michigan Veterans Coalition